

2006 FASTFACTS: GREATER BURLINGTON REGION

	<u>Chittenden County</u>	<u>State of Vermont</u>
Land Area (sq. mi.)	614	9,609
2004 Population	149,286	621,394
2003 Employment	93,533	294,288
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.4%
2003 Average Annual Wage	\$37,432	\$32,090

Source: "Vermont: An Economic-Demographic Profile Series" 2005

2004 Population by Municipality

Bolton: 974	Hinesburg: 4,427	S. Burlington: 16,460
Buel's Gore: 12	Huntington: 1,939	St. George: 688
Burlington: 38,934	Jericho: 5,067	Underhill: 3,020
Charlotte: 3,644	Milton: 10,065	Westford: 2,121
Colchester: 17,177	Richmond: 4,120	Williston: 8,224
Essex: 19,065	Shelburne: 6,984	Winooski: 6,365

Source: Vermont Department of Health

Population Changes

	<u>Chittenden County</u>	<u>State of Vermont</u>
1980	115,534	511,456
1990	131,761	562,758
2000	146,571	608,827
2001	147,691	612,308
2002	148,273	615,611
2003	149,301	619,110
2004	149,286	621,394

Lake Champlain & The Green Mountains

Sixth largest freshwater lake in the U.S.
 Eight miles of coastline in Burlington, 88 miles in Chittenden County
 120 miles long, 12 miles wide at widest point
 400 feet deep at deepest point, mean depth of 40 feet

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Highest peak, Mount Mansfield (4,393 feet)
 Most climbed peak, Camel's Hump (4,083 feet)

2003 Weather Statistics

Snowfall = 81.6 inches (30-year average)

Precipitation = 36.0 inches (30-year average)

	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>High</u>		<u>Avg.</u>	<u>High</u>
January	18.0	26.7	July	70.5	81.1
February	20.0	29.1	August	68.2	78.3
March	30.9	39.8	September	59.4	68.9
April	43.7	53.4	October	47.7	56.6
May	56.6	67.6	November	37.2	44.2
June	65.6	76.1	December	24.8	32.4

Source: National Weather Service

2006 FASTFACTS: GREATER BURLINGTON HOTLINES

Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce - (802) 863-3489

GBIC - (802) 862-5726

United States Post Office - (802) 658-0923

Department of Motor Vehicles - (802) 863-7292

Weather Phone - (802) 862-2475

Health & Social Services

AARP Vermont - (802) 229-1333

Adult Hotline Crises - (802) 863-2400

Champlain Valley Crime Stoppers - (802) 864-6666

Child Care Resource - (802) 863-3667

Committee on Temporary Shelter - (802) 864-7402

Day One (drug/alcohol treatment) - (802) 847-3333

Fletcher Allen Wellness Center - (802) 847-2278

Howard Center for Human Services - (802) 658-0400

Fletcher Allen Health Care Main Line - (802) 847-0000

Greater Burlington YMCA - (802) 862-9622

American Red Cross Blood Services - (802) 658-6400

Social & Rehabilitation Services - (802) 863-7370

Spectrum Youth & Family Services - (802) 864-7423

U.S. Coast Guard - (802) 864-6791

Vermont Department of Health - (802) 863-7200

Welfare Hotline - (800) 287-0589

Women Helping Battered Women - (802) 658-1996

Women's Rape Crisis Center - (802) 863-1236

Emergency Services

Fire, Police, Ambulance - 911

Town Clerks

Bolton - (802) 434-3064

Burlington - (802) 865-7000

Charlotte - (802) 425-3071

Colchester - (802) 655-0811

Essex Town - (802) 879-0413

Essex Junction - (802) 878-6944

Hinesburg - (802) 482-2281

Huntington - (802) 434-2032

Jericho - (802) 899-4936

Milton - (802) 893-7344

Richmond - (802) 434-3139

Shelburne - (802) 985-5116

S. Burlington - (802) 846-4105

Underhill - (802) 899-4434

Westford - (802) 878-4587

Williston - (802) 878-5121

Winooski - (802) 655-6419

Medical Emergencies

Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington - (802) 847-2434

Vermont Poison Control Center - (802) 847-3456

U.S. Senator Patrick J. Leahy
(D-VT) Elected in 1974

Burlington Office:
199 Main Street
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 863-2525
(800) 642-3193

<http://leahy.senate.gov>
senator_leahy@leahy.senate.gov

U.S. Senator James M. Jeffords
(I-VT) Elected in 1988

Burlington Office:
30 Main Street, Suite 350
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 658-6001
(800) 835-5500

<http://jeffords.senate.gov>

Representative Bernard Sanders
(I-VT) Elected 1990

Burlington Office:
1 Church Street
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 862-0697
(800) 339-9834

<http://bernie.house.gov>

2006 FASTFACTS: GREATER BURLINGTON AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2005

Expansion Management Magazine: A Five-Star Knowledge Worker Metro
Child magazine: Vermont - "Third-Best State in the Nation to Raise Fit Kids"
Author John Villani: "One of the 100 Best Art Towns In America"
Inc.com: The Sixth-Best Small City for Doing Business (25th Best Overall)
Worldwide ERC & Primacy Relocation: "One of the Best Cities for Relocating Families"

2004

Inc. magazine: One of the top 10 best small cities in which to do business
National Geographic Traveler magazine: Number six in the world for Destination Stewardship
Primacy Relocation: One of the best small-market cities for relocating
Morgan Quinto Press: "Second smartest city in the country"

2003

Men's Journal magazine: The Northeast's "Best place to live"
National Geographic Traveler magazine: The "Perfect small city"
Runner's World magazine: Host to one of America's Top 10 Marathons
SELF magazine: The Healthiest City in America

2002

Job-seeker Web site monster.com: One of America's best places to live

2001

Zero Population Growth: America's most "Child-Friendly City"

2000

Maturity magazine: One of America's "50 Best Places to Live"
Health magazine: One of America's "10 Fittest Cities for Women"

1999

The Arts & Entertainment Network: Number One in "Top 10 Cities to Have it All"
"Princeton Review: The Best Colleges": One of the "10 College Towns Worth a Visit"
Outdoor Explorer magazine: Number One for "Families That Love Outdoor Sports"

1998

U.S. News & World Report: Discover Jazz Festival "One Of The 10 Best Festivals In The Country"
Walking Magazine: "One of 15 Best Walking Cities in America"

1997

Parenting magazine: "One Of 10 Great Places To Raise A Family"
U.S. Conference of Mayors: "One of the 25 Most Livable Cities in America" (populations under 100,000)
National Trust for Historic Preservation: "Great American Main Street Award"
Utne Reader: "One of America's 10 Most Enlightened Towns"

1996

"The 100 Best Small Arts Towns in America": "One of America's Top 10 Hippest Arts Towns"
New Choices magazine: One Of America's Seven Best Retirement Cities

2006 FASTFACTS: GREATER BURLINGTON EMPLOYMENT, INCOME & TAXES

Average Annual Labor Force

From the Vermont Vermont Labor Market Quarterly

<u>Year</u>	<u>Burlington</u>	<u>State of Vermont</u>
1980	59,975	193,412
1990	85,815	251,658
2000	107,582	296,468
2003	106,715	294,288
2004	108,283	303,017

Distribution of Employment: Burlington Area Labor Market

From the Vermont Department of Employment and Training, Labor Market Bulletin, July 2005

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Number of Firms</u>	<u>Percent Employed</u>	<u>Average Annual Wage</u>
Natural Rescs./Mining	58	.3	\$23,672
Construction	792	5.4	\$39,220
Manufacturing	280	14	\$56,711
Trade/Transport/Utils.	1,589	20	\$29,963
Information	166	2.8	\$42,283
Financial Activities	560	4.8	\$52,047
Prof./Business Svcs.	1,165	9	\$42,830
Education/Health Svcs.	701	15.5	\$34,821
Leisure & Hospitality	616	9.6	\$15,888
Other Services	620	3	\$26,993
Government	353	16	\$39,642

Personal Income Data

From the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Annual State Personal Income, 2004

	<u>Chittenden County</u>	<u>State of Vermont</u>	<u>United States</u>
1990	\$20,710	\$17,876	\$19,477
2000	\$32,241	\$27,260	\$29,845
2002	\$34,772	\$29,855	\$30,804
2003	\$35,899	\$30,888	\$31,472

Greater Burlington's Top Ten Largest Private Employers

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Business Machines Corporation (6,000) 2. Fletcher Allen Health Care (4,086) 3. Chittenden Bank (1,208) 4. IDX Corporation (750) 5. Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc. (735) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Verizon (650) 7. Banknorth Group, Inc. (550) 8. General Dynamics Armament Systems Co. (500) 9. Saint Michael's College (472) 10. Husky Injection Molding Systems (380) |
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Taxes

- No inventory tax. This tax has been eliminated in all Chittenden County communities.
- No county, corporate net worth, service, or occupational taxes.
- Low state sales tax at 6%. No sales tax on manufacturing equipment, packaging, or energy used in manufacturing.
- No sales tax on individual clothing items and shoes with a purchase price of \$110.00 or less.
- Personal income tax based on federal taxable income with five tax brackets (3.6%, 7.2%, 8.5%, 9.0%, and 9.5%).
- Rooms and meals tax at 9%.
- Corporate tax on Vermont net income only, graduates from 7% up to \$10,000, 8.1% up to \$22,615, 9.2% up to \$250,000, and 9.75% for Vermont income in excess of \$250,000, with pass through of all federal tax benefits.

2006 FASTFACTS: GREATER BURLINGTON EDUCATION

Fall 2004 K-12 Enrollment

<u>Supervisory District</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Number of Schools</u>
Burlington	3,801	12
Chittenden Central	2,906	7
Chittenden East	3,053	9
Chittenden South	4,544	5
Colchester	2,192	5
Essex Town	1,359	3
Milton Town	1,892	2
S. Burlington	2,719	5
Winooski	766	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>23,232</i>	<i>51</i>

Fall 2003 Full-Time Undergraduate Enrollment

<u>School</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
University of Vermont, Burlington	9,675
Saint Michael's College, Colchester	1,900
Champlain College, Burlington	1,701
Community College of Vermont, Burlington	1,691
Burlington College, Burlington	275
<i>Total</i>	<i>15,242</i>

Colleges & Universities

Burlington College - (802) 862-9616
 Saint Michael's College - (802) 654-2000
 University of Vermont - (802) 656-3131
 Champlain College - (802) 860-2700
 Community College of Vt. - (802) 865-4422
 New England Culinary Institute - (802) 872-3400

Adult Education Resources

Adult Education Council - (802) 863-3489
 Community College of Vermont - (802) 865-4422
 New England Culinary Institute - (802) 872-3400
 Champlain Valley Health Education Center - (802) 527-1474
 Cyberskills/Vermont - (802) 860-4057
 Mercy Connections - (802) 846-7062
 Northern New England Tradeswomen - (802) 878-0004
 Recycle North - (802) 658-4143
 Vt. Adult Learning - (802) 864-2621
 Vt. Council on the Humanities - (802) 888-3183
 Vt. Dept. of Employment & Training - (802) 658-1120
 Vt. MicroBusiness Dev. Program - (802) 860-1417

K-12 Supervisory Unions

Burlington - (802) 864-8501
 Chittenden Central - (802) 879-5576
 Chittenden East - (802) 434-2128
 Chittenden South - (802) 383-1234
 Colchester - (802) 658-4047
 Essex Town - (802) 878-8168
 Milton Town - (802) 893-3210
 South Burlington - (802) 652-7250
 Winooski - (802) 655-0485

Other Education & Training Resources

Burlington Technical Center - (802) 864-8436
 Center for Technology Essex - (802) 879-5563
 Linking Learning to Life - (802) 951-8849
 Lake Champlain Workforce Investment Board - (802) 863-3489

2006 FASTFACTS: GREATER BURLINGTON HOUSING, COMMUNITY & TRANSPORTATION

2004 Average Sale Price of Single Family Homes

Bolton	\$192,689	Hinesburg	\$226,394	South Burlington	\$311,021
Burlington	\$274,540	Huntington	\$204,970	St. George	\$249,820
Charlotte	\$548,734	Jericho	\$275,241	Underhill	\$281,005
Colchester	\$275,106	Milton	\$210,882	Westford	\$265,288
Essex Junction	\$226,707	Richmond	\$277,019	Williston	\$284,806
Essex Town	\$283,878	Shelburne	\$406,374	Winooski	\$182,143

Source: Vermont Real Estate

Community Amenities

Medical Services

- Total beds at Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC): 562; Total medical staff: 800 physicians, 264 residents, and 1,200 registered nurses
- 733 licensed physicians in Chittenden County (many with individual practices)
- Health maintenance organizations

Religious Institutions

- Churches (107)
- Synagogues (5)
- Mosques (1)

Media Services

- *The Burlington Free Press* a Gannett daily and Sunday newspaper. Daily circulation: 48,524; Sunday circulation: 56,850
- Numerous weekly and monthly newspapers
- Public, private, and cable television stations
- Several FM and AM radio stations and Vermont Public Radio
- Local Internet Service Providers, including high-speed

Libraries

- University, college and community libraries

Conveniences

- Regional shopping centers; major department and grocery stores; nationally known stores and shops; local specialty shops
- Downtown pedestrian and enclosed shopping mall
- Downtown parking garages (over 1,000 spaces) plus ample on-street parking
- Hotels/motels offering over 3,800 rooms and conference facilities
- Banks, including bank headquarters and numerous branch offices and ATM machines
- Day care centers, social and human service agencies, clubs, and civic organizations
- Over 230 restaurants offering menus in a variety of cuisines
- Year-round activities for all interests: sports; nature; arts, culture and theatre; museums and exhibits; festivals

Transportation

Burlington International Airport (www.vermontairports.com) is serviced by Continental, Delta, jetBlue, Independence Air, Northwest, United, and U.S. Airways direct to cities like Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, Washington, D.C., Boston, Pittsburgh, New York City, Philadelphia, and Cleveland.

Interstate 89 is a toll-free highway spanning from the southeast to the northwest of Vermont. It connects with Interstates 91 and 93 to complete a multi-lane, multi-state network around New England and New York. Greyhound/Vermont Transit connects Burlington to New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Canada. The Vermont Railway and the New England Central Railroad provide rail freight transport to Canadian, New England, and Albany-area markets, in addition to other North American regions. Amtrak runs its "Vermont" daily from Chittenden County across New England to New York and Washington, D.C.

Public buses connect Burlington with South Burlington, Shelburne, Essex, Williston, Colchester, Winooski, and the State Capital, Montpelier. The Lake Champlain Transportation Company operates three passenger and vehicle ferry routes across Lake Champlain, two of which run year-round.